

Problem 1

In each of Problems 1 through 4, determine ω_0 , R , and δ so as to write the given expression in the form $u = R \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$.

$$u = 3 \cos 2t + 4 \sin 2t$$

Solution

We wish to write the two sinusoidal terms as one.

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \cos 2t + 4 \sin 2t &= R \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta) \\ &= R[\cos \omega_0 t \cos \delta + \sin \omega_0 t \sin \delta] \\ &= (R \cos \delta) \cos \omega_0 t + (R \sin \delta) \sin \omega_0 t \end{aligned}$$

Matching the coefficients, we obtain the following system of equations for ω_0 , R , and δ .

$$R \cos \delta = 3 \tag{1}$$

$$\omega_0 = 2 \tag{2}$$

$$R \sin \delta = 4 \tag{3}$$

Square both sides of the first and third equations

$$R^2 \cos^2 \delta = 9$$

$$R^2 \sin^2 \delta = 16$$

and add their respective sides.

$$R^2 \cos^2 \delta + R^2 \sin^2 \delta = 9 + 16$$

$$R^2 (\cos^2 \delta + \sin^2 \delta) = 25$$

$$R^2 = 25$$

$$R = 5$$

Divide the respective sides of equations (1) and (3).

$$\frac{R \sin \delta}{R \cos \delta} = \frac{4}{3} \quad \rightarrow \quad \tan \delta = \frac{4}{3} \quad \rightarrow \quad \delta = \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}$$

Therefore,

$$3 \cos 2t + 4 \sin 2t = 5 \cos \left(2t - \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3} \right).$$